



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2019
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Chair Janice Eng, Vice Chair Denny Brown, Commissioners Ashley Blaine, Jayne Hubbard, and Andrew Song

ABSENT: Commissioners James Campbell and Edmund Portnoy

STAFF: Director Greg Bestgen; Human Services Manager Eugenio Munoz-Villafane; Human Services Supervisor Jennifer Murphy; Human Services Representative Ross Heyl; Human Services Specialist Sue Oh

Call to Order

Chair Eng called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who were interested in speaking.

Minutes

Regular Meeting - March 28, 2019

VICE-CHAIR BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER SONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ENG, VICE-CHAIR BROWN, COMMISSIONERS BLAINE, HUBBARD, AND SONG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Senior Services: Adopt-a-Senior program and Beat the Heat Program

Jennifer Murphy, Human Services Center Supervisor, and Ross Heyl, Human Services Representative provided updates on the Adopt-a-Senior and Beat the Heat Programs.

Ms. Murphy gave a history of the Adopt-a-Senior and Beat-the-Heat programs and described the benefits to having an opportunity for in-home visits with vulnerable seniors. She reviewed the eligibility guidelines for both programs. She noted that in 2018, the Adopt-a-Senior program included a Thanksgiving delivery. To help expedite deliveries, seniors were given an incentive if they were able to pick up their Thanksgiving packages from the senior centers.

Mr. Heyl reviewed the 2018 statistics for both programs. The Beat-the-Heat program assisted 160 homebound seniors, distributing \$5,600 in gift cards, stamps, water, snacks and hygiene supplies. The Adopt-a-Senior program adopted 254 seniors between the ages of 65 and 100 and 68 adults with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 64, delivering \$11,375 in grocery gift cards and \$40,250 in gifts. Donations for these programs come primarily from community members and some businesses. Scottsdale Community Partners helps by supplementing supplies, putting together gift packages, and making deliveries.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to make comments. Vice-Chair Brown suggested that the programs market for donations through a mailing list, noting that the Back-to-School program had great success using that method for marketing. Chair Eng suggested that they put together a presentation to entice corporations to create donation programs.

Ms. Murphy said that social workers do home visits with identified vulnerable seniors throughout the summer months.

2. Vista del Camino Adopt-A-Family and Back to School 2018 Program Updates

Sue Oh, Human Services Specialist, and Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager, presented on the successes and statistical figures of Vista del Camino's 2018 Adopt-A-Family Program, and a 2019 Back-to-School progress update.

Mr. Munoz-Villafane noted that all families who participate in Adopt-a-Family and Back-to-School program are screened and determined to be at 200 percent of poverty guidelines.

Ms. Oh explained the process for connecting participants in the Adopt-a-Family program with a sponsor. All sponsors are given information about their family, so they can purchase gifts to be delivered to Vista del Camino for pickup by the families.

The 2018 Adopt-a-Family program had 217 sponsors who assisted 243 families during the holidays, which included 610 children, five disabled adults, and three seniors. Donations are estimated to value approximately \$91,781.

The 2019 Back-to-School event will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. In 2018, 1,025 students (464 families) were

provided with school supplies. Mr. Munoz-Villafane noted that donations are still being accepted and can be dropped off at Vista del Camino.

Information about the 2019 Back-to-School program can be found on the City's website, search "back to school".

Vice-Chair Brown commended Mr. Munoz-Villafane and his staff for their efforts with the Back-to-School program.

3. Director Report

Greg Bestgen, Director, said that the Via Linda Senior Center hosted a volunteer luncheon today, April 11th. Granite Reef Senior Center will host their volunteer luncheon on April 12th.

Director Bestgen announced that Bill Murphy will be taking over duties as Assistant City Manager in tandem with Brent Stockwell. Mr. Murphy will continue in his role as executive director of Community Services, and will also be overseeing Public Works, Water Resources, Special Projects, and WestWorld.

The Annual Agency Plan has been submitted to HUD. April 16, 2019, the Annual Action Plan for the use, award, and allocation of \$1,141,680 in the Community Development Block Grant Funds and \$331,572 in HOME Funds will be presented to City Council. City Council is expected to approve the Final Proposed 2019/20 Budget and Capital Improvement Plans.

Director Bestgen and Chair Eng represented the City of Scottsdale during the recent SRPMIC Community Luncheon. Director Bestgen commented that the SRMPIC funds that are received each year are essential to many of the agency programs that the City is able to fund.

Director Bestgen submitted a formal report to Continuum of Care Consortium on the City of Scottsdale's Point in Time Count numbers. The report included information on citywide efforts being made to assist persons experiencing homelessness.

Earlier this week, Mayor Lane was present to dedicate Paiute Active Learning Site Center (PALS). As part of the dedication, 250 bricks donated by Brick-by-Brick were placed into a path as part of the Allie Ortega monument at Paiute Neighborhood Center.

4. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ENG, VICE-CHAIR BROWN, COMMISSIONERS BLAINE, HUBBARD, AND SONG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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